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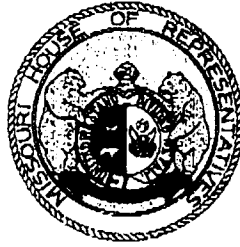
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Dear Ms. Hesse

As a state legislator in the Missouri General Assembly, I want to express my support for the proposed settlement between the United States Department of Justice and Microsoft.

As a legislator that is constantly involved in negotiating and compromising, I am firmly convinced that this proposed settlement is fair and equitable to both parties. Now is the time to put this case behind us and allow the technology industry to move forward.

As you know, Microsoft has been a leader in innovation throughout the industry. All facets of our economy have benefited because of the leadership and technology advances made by Microsoft. Stewards of government should encourage these types of industry successes instead of placing roadblocks in front of them.

I hope you stop the litigation and accept this reasonable settlement.

Sincerely,

*Daniel J. Hegeman*  
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District 5 State Representative